

enabling the jukebox device to communicate with an audio and graphic distribution network, and a multitasking operating system that enables simultaneous operation of the microprocessor, the display, the audio arrangement and the communication system; wherein the jukebox is operable to play said digitized songs from said local computer memory on the jukebox device in response to requests by a user; and

a server remote from said jukebox device that can be accessed by said jukebox device through said distribution network, wherein said server maintains a master database of songs and graphics that can be selectively downloaded to said jukebox device for storage in said local computer memory;

wherein said display on said jukebox device is a touch sensitive display that provides a user interface for operating said jukebox by enabling the user to select songs from said local computer memory for playing on said jukebox device, said jukebox device being operable to display on said display a graphical item that corresponds to a song currently playing on said jukebox device;

wherein said user interface includes a display screen on said touch sensitive display that displays a plurality of said graphical items corresponding to album covers for songs stored in said local computer memory, and an element for enabling the user to scroll the display screen in order to show further album covers for songs stored in said local computer memory;

wherein, upon touch selection by the user of one of the displayed album covers, the user interface is operable to display:

the selected album cover and a list of available songs stored on the local computer memory that exist on the album represented by the selected album cover;

wherein, upon touch selection by the user of a song from the displayed list of available songs, the selected song is queued for playing on the jukebox device;

and further wherein said jukebox device is provided with a registration process for registering the jukebox device with the server, and a registration checking process that checks, upon startup of the jukebox device and prior to placing the jukebox in service, that the jukebox device has been registered with the server to play songs stored on the local computer memory.—

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2/19/04 2 --15. The jukebox device of claim 14, wherein the user interface is further operable to display graphical items representing any additional album covers of the same artist as the selected album cover for which songs exist on the local computer memory.--

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2/19/04 3 3 --16. (New) The jukebox system of claim 15, wherein, upon touch selection by the user of one of the displayed additional album covers of the same artist as the previously selected album cover, thereby defining a newly selected album cover, the user interface is operable to display the newly selected album cover, a list of songs on the local computer memory that exist on the album represented by the newly selected album cover, and graphical items representing any additional album covers of the same artist as the newly selected album cover for which songs exist on the local computer memory.—